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Senate Bill No. 273
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 23, 2013

AN ACT CONCERNING FOSTER CHILDREN AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "preference" means priority over similarly qualified applicants.

3 (b) Each state agency shall give preference in hiring for or placement
4 in an internship at such state agency to any individual up to twenty-
5 four years of age who is or was, at the age of majority, in the custody
6 of the Commissioner of Children and Families and placed in foster
7 care.

8 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) Notwithstanding any
9 provisions of this act, nothing shall require any hiree to request foster
10 child status or any applicant to disclose his or her status as a foster
11 child.

12 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to give a hiree or an
13 applicant the right to pursue a cause of action in a court of competent

- 14 jurisdiction for the violation of any provision of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is no fiscal impact to state agencies associated with giving preference in internship placements to individuals (up to 24 years-old) who are or were (1) in the custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families at the age of majority and (2) placed in foster care.

House "A" clarified that individuals hiring interns are not required to request foster child status from internship applicants nor are individuals applying for an internship required to disclose their status as a foster child to any hiree. It also prevented persons to pursue a cause of action associated with the provisions of the bill. There is no fiscal impact associated with this amendment.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 273 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT CONCERNING FOSTER CHILDREN AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires state agencies, when hiring individuals for, or placing them in, internship programs they offer, to give preference to former foster children who (1) are between the ages of 18 and 24 and (2) were in Department of Children and Families custody on their 18th birthday. Preference is defined as priority over similarly qualified applicants.

The bill provides that nothing in it (1) requires a new employee or applicant to request foster child status or disclose his or her status as a former foster child and (2) can be construed to give a new employee or applicant the right to sue for any violation of its provisions.

*House Amendment "A" adds the provisions concerning (1) requests or disclosures of foster child status and (2) lawsuits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Children Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 0 (02/28/2013)